

**Pacific Crest Trail – Donner Pass  
5k/13k Trail Rated 3D Y1038**

**Start Point and Directions: Donner Pass PCT Trailhead.**

The trailhead is about 10 miles West of Truckee. From Highway I-80, take exit 176 at Boreal Ridge Road. Follow the brown signs to the PCT Trailhead parking area (zip code is 96161).

**Notes:** This is a high altitude hike in the High Sierra, starting at 7200 feet. The 5k is a moderate grade on the way to historic Donner Pass. Both distances are on well-maintained trails, but the 13k includes moderate and steep grades, unshaded areas and some switchbacks. In this wilderness area, carry water, food, and a jacket. Wear hiking boots, sunscreen and a hat. A walking stick is recommended. Restrooms are available only at the trailhead. Dogs are permitted on leash with clean-up.

**Special Programs:** Points of Reference (Donner Pass), Treasure Hunt (California is the Golden State), You Never Walk Alone (Donner party).

1. Start the trail heading South from the parking area.
2. As you ascend the switchbacks, look for Donner Lake to the East.
3. After about 1.5k, there will be a trail to Donner Summit coming in from the left. Stay Right to continue on the PCT.
4. The next ascent is up Roller Pass, where immigrants in the 1880's used roller logs to herd their oxen over the pass.
5. The 5k turnaround is a sign.  
*Checkpoint: What figure is on the sign?*
6. 5k hikers, retrace your steps to the Donner Summit trail. This time, take the Right hand trail back to the start point.
7. 13k hikers, continue past Mount Lincoln to the Right and descend a gentle slope.
8. The 13k turnaround occurs when the trail drops below the ridge and western views replace the eastern ones.
9. Retrace your steps to the Start Point, avoiding the Donner Summit Trail on your return. sg5/17

**These walk directions and map may only be used in conjunction with a signed American Volkssport Association athletic waiver. All other uses are prohibited.**

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